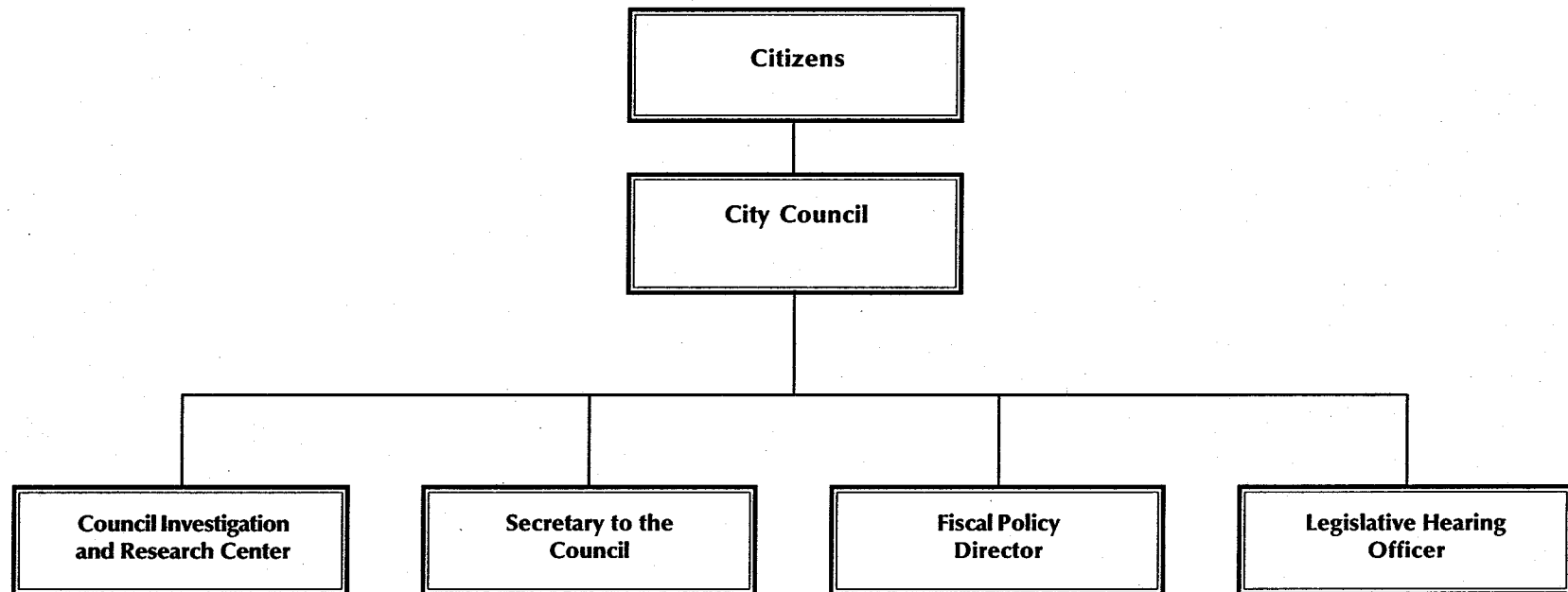


City Council

Mission Statement

The City Council is the legislative, policy-making, budget-approval and performance-auditing body for Saint Paul city government. The Council exists to provide for the health, welfare, safety, economic opportunity, quality of life, and common good of the people of Saint Paul.

City Council



Strategic Plan Accomplishments and 2003 Priorities

Major Accomplishments

- The Council considered and disposed of more than 1,300 pieces of legislation.
- Council Research completed analyses and research in support of City Council legislative activities and conducted a major study of chronic problem properties in Saint Paul.
- The Legislative Hearing Officer conducted legislative hearings involving hundreds of assessments, objections to license applications, nuisance properties and other matters.
- The Fiscal Policy Director supported the Council's 2002 budget review process and conducted fiscal analyses of numerous financial plans and funding proposals.

2003 Priorities

- Exercising the legislative responsibilities for the city as provided by the city charter;
- Functioning as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the city Board of Health;
- Serving as a judicial body to hear appeals as specified by law;
- Determining policy direction for the city's fiscal affairs and development plans;
- Performing the legislative oversight function through the conduct of policy analyses and performance audits;
- Overseeing the granting of city franchises;
- Directing operations of the legislative branch of city government; and
- Approving the budgets for all city departments, as well as the River Centre Authority, Saint Paul Regional Water Services and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the tax levy for the Port Authority.

City Council

DEPARTMENT/OFFICE DIRECTOR: GERRY STRATHMAN

	2000 2ND PRIOR EXP & ENC	2001 LAST YEAR EXP & ENC	2002 ADOPTED BUDGET	2003 MAYOR'S PROPOSED	CHANGE FROM 2002 ADOPTED
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SPENDING BY UNIT					
001 GENERAL FUND	1,998,241	2,016,335	2,175,054	2,218,107	43,053
724 PUBLIC UTILITIES INVESTIGATION FUND	107,395	124,259	88,897	65,434	23,463-
TOTAL SPENDING BY UNIT	2,105,636	2,140,594	2,263,951	2,283,541	19,590
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SPENDING BY MAJOR OBJECT					
SALARIES	1,456,826	1,490,111	1,542,573	1,589,553	46,980
EMPLOYER FRINGE BENEFITS	444,375	448,192	469,701	485,605	15,904
SERVICES	117,614	99,777	142,024	124,524	17,500-
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	35,439	22,255	35,653	35,653	
MISC TRANSFER CONTINGENCY ETC	51,382	80,259	74,000	48,206	25,794-
DEBT					
STREET SEWER BRIDGE ETC IMPROVEMENT					
EQUIPMENT LAND AND BUILDINGS					
TOTAL SPENDING BY OBJECT	2,105,636	2,140,594	2,263,951	2,283,541	19,590
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		1.7 %	5.8 %	.9 %	.9 %
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FINANCING BY MAJOR OBJECT					
GENERAL FUND	1,998,241	2,016,335	2,175,054	2,218,107	43,053
SPECIAL FUNDS					
TAXES					
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE					
FEES, SALES AND SERVICES	125,188	66,724	65,000	65,000	
ENTERPRISE AND UTILITY REVENUE					
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE					
TRANSFERS					
FUND BALANCES			23,897	434	23,463-
TOTAL FINANCING BY OBJECT	2,123,429	2,083,059	2,263,951	2,283,541	19,590
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		1.9 %	8.7 %	.9 %	.9 %

Budget Explanation

Major Changes in Spending and Financing

Creating the 2003 Budget Base

The 2002 adopted budget was adjusted to set the base for the year 2003.

The City Council budget was increased for the anticipated growth in 2003 for salaries and fringes related to the bargaining process.

Office Proposals

The City Council submitted its budget with no major changes from last year's level of financing or spending. The budget submitted exceeded the spending cap.

Mayor's Recommendations

In preparing the 2003 proposed budget, the mayor recommended accepting the office proposals contained in the submitted budget.

